

# THE BAPTIST.

"BE YE STEADFAST, UNMOVABLE, ALWAYS ABOUNDING IN THE WORK OF THE LORD."

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Rev. Martin Ball of Paris, Tenn., is with Pastor Burres this week, at Mount Olive, in a meeting.

Pastor S. M. Ellis is holding a meeting this week with his Antioch Church in Warren county.

We express sympathy for our Bro. W. H. Patton, who is now nursing a son who is critically ill.

At Plano, Texas, a two-weeks' meeting resulted in sixty-eight baptisms and eighty accessions.

Fred D. Hale, late of the 3d church, Owensboro, Ky., but now of Kansas City, will be succeeded by P. T. Hale, his brother, now of Roanoke, Va.

Rev. S. W. Sibley, who resigned the care of the McComb Church sometime since, has been induced to remain through the present year.

The storm that swept the Gulf Coast last week seems to have been quite destructive to both property and growing crops, reaching considerably inland.

Mrs. J. Lawrence Smith, at her death a few weeks since, left \$1,000 to her pastor, Dr. T. T. Eaton, Louisville, Ky. Why should we not have more of this sort of thing?

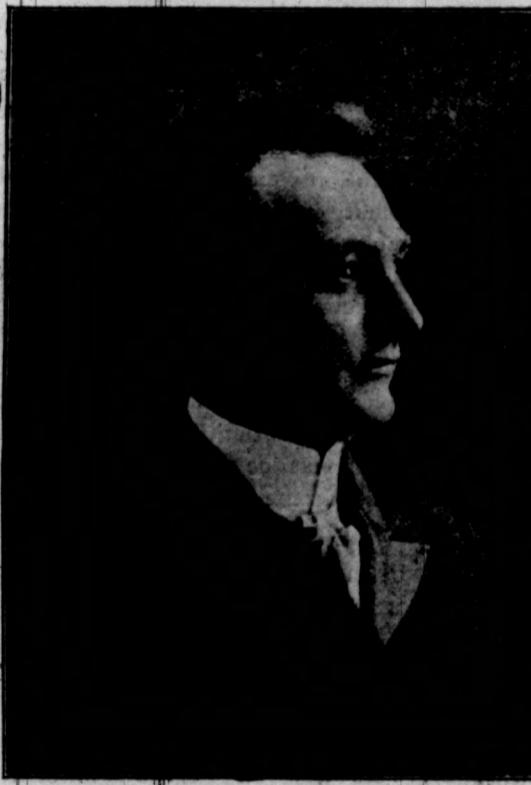
The first session of the University of Mississippi opened in 1848. With the exception of the period from 1861-1865, the work has been carried forward during this long term of years.

We recommend that all our readers will take the pains to carefully read all the news from the churches from week to week, and you will be surprised to see what the Lord is doing for our people. Truly, we shall say, "It is marvellous in our eyes."

In a letter written by our venerable Bro. Dr. J. T. Freeman, Starkville, he says: "I am 81 years old to-day." It is a blessed thing to be able to look back upon the Lord's dealings with us and say: "Thus far the Lord has led me on." Whether we are young or old, the great *desideratum* is whether we have entirely surrendered to the Lord, whether we are led by the Spirit. "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree; he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and "ourishing." So our God has declared.

We have just received a neat little pamphlet of sixteen pages on the subject: "How to Behave as a Church Member," by T. T. Eaton, D. D., and printed by Baptist Book Concern, Louisville, Ky. As there are something over 100,000 white Baptists in Mississippi and as some of them may not be skilled in church etiquette it might be profitable to get this little book and read up. It costs only 5 cents.

With sadness we learn of the death of Thos. H. Patton, oldest son of our W. H. Patton, of Shubuta, which occurred on the 19th instant. Truly, troubles do not come singly. He died of that dread disease, consumption. God's grace was sufficient.



Rev. A. J. Thames, State Line, Miss.

The thousandth anniversary of the death of Alfred the Great will be commemorated shortly at Winchester, England, by the unveiling of a statue to his memory. A reproduction of the statue, which is by Mr. Hamo Thornycroft, appears in the September Pearson's, with a view of Wolvesey Castle (the fountain-head of English literature, where the "Anglo-Saxon Chronicle" was completed by Alfred's scribes), and a number of other illustrations.

Pastor B. B. Hall, of Centerville, helped Pastor J. J. Walker at Hebron in a five days' meeting, which resulted in sixty conversions and twenty-two restorations, which reminds us of the good old times that we hear the fathers tell about.

Little J. B. Searcy, Jr. arrived in the family of Dr. and Mrs. Lowrey recently. He has come to stay, and seems to be thrice welcome. Ah, how these little fellows make their own way in our hearts. Parents love each one of a dozen as well as "the only child."

Let all church clerks, and all others who may have to do with associational church letters, be very careful in filling out the letters, to put in all facts and figures about missions and Sunday schools, as suggested by Secretary Rowe last week.

We read in an exchange that a preacher was aroused from his slumbers, one night, by a burglar, who commanded the "dominie" to lie still, saying: "I am hunting for money." The preacher replied: "Wait; let me strike a light, and I will help you. I'd like to find some myself." And he waited — on his neighbor.

It was unfortunate for our beloved brother, President B. G. Lowrey, that our editorial on Our Schools appeared when it did, as his effort in replying was quite a strain on his physical powers to get up the article he treats the readers of THE BAPTIST to this week. The fruits of our editorial already appear and we expect more. We rejoice that we wrote it. The facts set forth in President Lowrey's article are precisely those which our people need to know.

The principle that distance, no less than "pictures," lends enchantment to the view, plays a prominent part with many of us in settling our children in school.

We are in favor of utilizing what we have already found good and making it better with each passing year.

The Hayden-Cranfill case, after consuming sixty days of the Dallas court and \$7,000 of Dallas county money, resulted in another mistrial, it being impossible for the jury to agree. This is the third trial. In the first Hayden got judgment for \$30,000.00, which decision was overruled by the higher court and the case remanded for a new trial, which has miscarried now twice.

We have kept up with the troubles in Texas pretty well from both sides; and, without passing upon the merits of the case at all, we believe with all our being that the party or parties who brought this suit into the courts ought now, this very day, whether the wrongs, real or imaginary, are redressed or not, to withdraw it, once for all. Indeed, we believe that the "spirit of Christ" demands it at their hands.

What! Has it so soon come to pass that we are not willing to suffer wrong for Christ's sake? Vengeance belongeth unto the Lord; we cannot grieve Him with impunity.

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## Co-operation.

## WHAT MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS HAVE DONE.

The committee of five appointed in May last by the Southern Convention to report at its next session had a meeting in Nashville on the 30th of July. The substance of its recommendations so far as they concern State organizations is—

1. That the Board is through their Secretaries and other agencies prosecute this work with all available means and possible vigor during the association season.

2. That the denominational papers invite discussion of the work of co-operation, and that their editors press the work of enlisting all our people in giving the gospel to the world.

Precisely this and after this fashion, and with gratifying success, Mississippi Baptists have been doing for many years. Messengers from the churches and associations, in annual convention, appoint a Board and commit to its oversight all the interest which it fosters. The convention instructs this Board to raise and send to the General Board certain amounts for Home and Foreign Missions, and to secure and expend a specified amount for State Missions.

The sum desired for all purposes is apportioned to the different associations by this Board according to their numerical and financial strength. Sometimes their utilized ability determines the amount of the apportionment. The messengers of the churches, in associational capacity generally accept this apportionment and divide it among the churches, and sometimes endeavor to secure it through the Executive Committee of the association. The churches usually and formally accept the associational apportionment, and try to raise it generally through the pastor, but sometimes by committees appointed by the church, or by the association, or by its Executive Committee.

## WHAT MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS NEED TO DO.

Our success has been slow but real and continuous and encouraging. I think all the associations in the convention co-operate at least nominally with the convention Board. During the last conventional year there was an increase of twenty-five percent in our offerings over those of the previous year. But it is said that two-thirds of our churches do not contribute to mission work. How shall we reach and interest and enlist them in world-wide evangelization? How shall we get larger offerings from those already giving, and increase the number of contributors? These are the burning questions. The necessity is imperative. Otherwise we cannot meet our obligations and enter the open doors, so promising of large results.

Brother Wesson's criticism and suggestions in a late issue of THE BAPTIST deserve candid and careful consideration. As a member and president of the convention Board, I thank him. He is not a destructive fault-finder, but a kind and would-be helpful critic. On his own merit, what he says should be honestly weighed.

THE CHURCHES SHOULD HAVE SOME VOICE IN SELECTING THE MISSIONARIES WHOM THEY SUPPORT.

The missionary pastors are always called

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by the churches whom they serve. Sometimes the Convention Board is consulted, because it helps in the support of the pastor, but this is voluntary and never a requirement.

But ought not churches have some authority in naming the preachers who do exclusively missionary work? Certainly, but how shall they use the power which they possess? If the association has an Executive Committee, and if that body is composed of members from all the churches, and if it and the Convention Board appoint and sustain a missionary, then there is co-operation, and the churches may speak through their own members, appointed by themselves to serve on that committee.

But if the association has no executive committee how shall it and the churches be heard in the selection of preachers to supply destitution outside its territory? Shall the Convention Board include one man from each church, or even one from each association? Giving their time, members of the Board ought not to be expected to pay their own expenses in doing the work of the denomination. To bear the expenses of such a large body would be an unnecessary diversion of money given in trust for the evangelization of mankind. Besides, the convention limits the number of the Board to fifteen men.

The churches, however, can speak, and ought to speak, through their messengers in the convention. The Board asks careful investigation, full and explicit instruction, and promises fidelity in all things. At the same time, it humbly intreats forbearance and confidence, prayer and co-operation. They are far from satisfaction with their own work. It is far from perfection. Imperfect men will never do perfect work. Our efforts please, will never please, any one, and certainly not if he be on the Convention Board. We shall never have universal co-operation. If we do not, and cannot do the work just right, let us do the best we can with all possible zeal.

DOUGHT NOT THE ASSOCIATIONS TO MANAGE SOME MISSIONARY WORK, AND THUS BRING IT DIRECT AND CLOSE TO THE CHURCHES?

By all means if there is destitution within its bounds. But it ought to be real missionary work. Yes, a wise and earnest missionary-colporteur in every association would be a blessing to the people and a great help in the co-operation. He should disseminate good literature, give information about our work, and seek to enlist the churches and pastors in it, and so earnestly and really that they would not only have a voice, but also and specially partnership, in the work of the denomination.

DOUGHT NOT THE CHURCHES TO REVIVE AND INVIGORATE THEIR FIFTH LORD'S DAY MEETINGS, AND CLAIM THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM THEM?

As a matter of fact, the associations have abandoned their rights and privileges. In many associations these meetings have been talked to death on subjects of little life and less utility. The suggestion is wise and timely. Let these meetings be revived, and

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## Are Not These Things So?

Hewlett for more than a third of a century. Sister Hewlett, his beloved consort, still worships here. This writer will never forget her thoughtful kindness to him during the meeting. No mother could have been more faithfully attentive.

## INDIAN SPRINGS, GA.

I am now at the very place that Ponce De Leon sought as the "Fountain of Youth." It was this very spring whose reputation for such marvelous cures had reached him and caused him to think of it as a "fountain of perpetual youth." For many weary days this hoary adventurer sought this wonderful place hoping to get young again that he might enjoy the wealth and honor that Spain had conferred upon him, but each inquiry brought the same disheartening reply, "Beyond, far beyond, towards the setting sun, is the fountain of healing waters," until the venerable old pirate gave up the search, and went back to Porto Rico. Had he kept searching westward it is probable that, had he retained his scalp, he would have found this wonderful spring, and though he would not have been made young again, it is quite likely that he would have been cured of whatever malady he might have had. There are not less than fifteen ingredients in this wonderful water. This spring has been aptly called "nature's medicine case." It is good for most anything, except consumption. Indeed, after a few days here, the water is the occasion of a very violent "consumption," which manifests itself chiefly at meal times. But it really does seem strange that water which is good for so nearly every thing should be a speedy death to a "consumptive" if the disease has made much progress. Another peculiarity about this water is that it is extremely dangerous for one to drink who is on a drunken debauch. Drunkards and consumptives do not stay here long. No receptacle has yet been devised that will preserve this water pure for more than a very few hours. One might make a fortune if he could hit upon some vessel that would preserve the purity of this water for any considerable time. This is a very popular resort for Georgians, and the hotels and boarding houses are all full.

My friends who know me best, will be curious to know what I came to the spring for. I am here chiefly to "revamp" my appetite. I haven't been hungry lately, and per consequence the Bacon is rapidly becoming a "streak of lean" and a streak of bone. My friends who know me best, will be curious to know what I came to the spring for. I am here chiefly to "revamp" my appetite. I haven't been hungry lately, and per consequence the Bacon is rapidly becoming a "streak of lean" and a streak of bone.

I am sure, I don't know why, I should have said so much about Indian Springs for Mississippi readers, unless it was because I had promised to write something, and could not in this state of absolute laziness, think of anything else to say. Now, Bro. Bailey, if you will forgive this, maybe, after I get rested, I will say something about "various and sundry" things that "had ought to be said," as "Samauta" would say.

Yours at present in "high clover,"

N. W. P. BACON.  
Indian Springs, Ga., Aug. 8, 1901.

## Why Don't You?

Do what? Do what you said you would. I mean pay your subscription to the Gulfport Chautauqua. Your brethren have placed their money against your promise and your promise has not yet been redeemed. Most all who subscribed have paid. Your sacred obligation should be met, and I trust you will give it your immediate attention. The Board of Directors have instructed me to collect it. It is yours and theirs, and not my personal affair.

L. E. HALL,  
Manager G. C. A.

## Rev. A. J. Thames.

Bro. Thames is a graduate of Howard College, Alabama, and has held pastorates at Georgiana, Flomaton and other points in that State. He was also pastor for two years at Milligan, Fla., and was Moderator of the Pensacola Bay Association when he came to Mississippi. He was married in this State and expects to remain here. He is now pastor at State Line and at Waynesboro. He was born at Brewton, Ala., where his father still lives. He is thoroughly identified with Mississippi interests, and expects to make it his home. He is doing good work in his present field.

## Something Remarkable.

Some one stated in this paper recently that Bro. Bacon of Oxford on one occasion preached to twenty-eight Leavells and thought it remarkable.

Well, on 3d Sunday in July I assisted Pastor T. J. Miley at Springfield church in Scott county. On Sunday, A. M. I preached to about 400 people, 150 of whom were my relatives, and of these 50 are coopers, none of whom are more remotely related to me than that of first cousin. Seven were baptised and two of them are coopers. This church is in three hundred yards of where I was born and raised.

I am off now to Ruleville to assist Rev. V. H. Nelson in a meeting. Pray for us.

Yours for Service,

M. R. COOPER.

Belen, Miss., Aug. 16, 1901.

## From McComb.

Dear Brethren: As you have expressed yourselves with reference to the Convention which was held at McComb, a few words from this end of the line might be in place.

The visitors did not get all the good out of this meeting. We at McComb received a large share of it. The Convention did us good in many ways. While you did not tax our hospitality, you expanded it beautifully. We could now take care of two Conventions. Everybody claimed to have the best delegates. One sister asked me how it was that I sent her the *Cream* of the Convention! What do you suppose I told her? Why this of course:

"Because there was no *clabber* in the Convention. It was all *cream*. So it was, Sisters and all."

At the request of the Church here I have agreed to remain the balance of the year. The church appointed a committee to seek out a pastor for another year. May God direct them.

Our house in East McComb is almost complete. We hope to hold a meeting there next week.

John Baptist, who came in during the Convention, is still with us, and his "voice" is often heard calling us from our slumbers. If you do not believe he is orthodox, come and see. If any of you care to honor his timely advent into a troublesome world, you have only to sign a check for any amount, address it to John Conn (Conn for the Moderator and Convention) Sibley, care of S. W. Sibley, and the amount will be used in seating the East McComb Chapel.

This is not a request, but a splendid relief for brethren and sisters who want help John Conn to develop it into a good and useful man.

As to my future field of labor, I do not know just now, but God knows, and will let me know in due time. I feel inclined to a quiet pastorate in the country, however, I leave it with the Holy Spirit, and the churches.

Farewell until I can serve you again.

S. W. SIBLEY.

## Our Schools.

Dear Brother Editor: The schools and school-men owe you a debt of gratitude for the service done in last week's BAPTIST. Your editorial on "Our Schools," was good and the points were well taken; but I believe you left one point in such shape as to be *misunderstood* by those who are not well informed about our schools. Some things in your discussion would lead a casual reader, who had not visited or looked closely into Mississippi schools to say: "Well I shall have to educate my children outside of Mississippi or educate them in a cheap school, fit only for poor folks." Such an impression would be harmful to the citizens thus impressed, harmful to his children, harmful to our schools, and harmful to our state.

First I want to say that I believe many of our people now send out of Mississippi to schools short of our Mississippi schools in equipments and *very far* short in spirit and in thoroughness.

This is true not only of Baptists, but of other denominations. I have had very happy relations with some of the Pedo-baptist school men of the state.

I think I know more about them and their work than is known by people who do not study schools as I do; and I meet over and over again of those denominations who are sending their daughters out of Mississippi and 400 to 600 miles from home, to schools which in equipments, mental training and character development are inferior to some of our Mississippi Pedo-baptist schools. The same is true of Baptists. In educational affairs, many of our Mississippi Baptists are like the old Hindoo in Dr. Conwell's story. He owned the lands on which the diamond fields of Golconda were afterwards discovered, but sold those lands and wandered over the earth hunting diamonds—

"When there were acres of diamond around his very door."

Finally, let me say to all our people, "Do not select a school for its equipment." The externals of a school are the smallest part of it. I think I am duly thankful that Blue Mountain is getting handsome externals and if the Lord spares me a few years I confidently expect to see them more than double what they now are; but may the Lord stop that work where it now is, if we are to grow in externals until we come to depend upon them. When I see a school drummer carrying loads of handsome pictures and talking much to the people about his beautiful buildings, and little about mind and soul development, I feel that I have met a "drummer," with the accent on the "drum," much sound, much wind, much hollowness, little solidity.

Understand, I am not "fussing" because they do not all come my way. For that matter, many of them will have to go elsewhere. I am profoundly sorry for the girl that can't come to Blue Mountain—but for the last two years we have had to refuse a number for lack of room.

I am like the boy in Bro. Martin's story: That boy said my sister was red-headed and I licked him. I ain't got no sister, but I fit on the principle of the thing."

But a word as to the equipments of our Mississippi schools. Mississippi College has not what I wish she had in the way of equipments, but I think I know a score of Baptist boys who leave Mississippi and go at a greater cost to schools which I have visited, and which are not equal to Mississippi College even in material things. And very few schools are equal to it in the spirit that prevails on the real work done.

Blue Mountain College has never boasted much of its buildings and since our fire 18 months ago our buildings and grounds have been by no means presentable; but if you will call next winter or spring we will surprise you in the appearance of both grounds and buildings. I have visited every female school of any size in Mississippi and last fall I dropped over into Alabama and visited the

## College Endowment.

The exact situation has not quite been stated in the papers. Here it is: The American Baptist Education Society has agreed to give Mississippi College \$15,000, less three per cent., which would be really \$14,550. On condition that we raise \$45,000, plus the above 3 per cent., which is really \$45,450. The three per cent. of the \$15,000 is taken out for the running expenses of the society. Mr. J. D. Rockefeller gives the American Baptist Education Society \$100,000 a year to be distributed among Baptist Colleges accord-

ing to their judgment, but all gifts are subject to his approval. The Society has made us the above offer and Mr. Rockefeller has signified his approval, so now it simply remains to be seen whether or not we will raise our part. If we do it will give Mississippi College an endowment of \$100,000. We very much need an endowment that large now. The Baptist Colleges in Virginia and North Carolina and some other states already have three times that amount. The Trustees have instructed the President of the College to make the raising of the endowment his chief work from now until the first of next July. That is the limit fixed by the Society. The money must be raised in that time in cash or in good legal paper, payable in annual installments, and all payable within five years from the first day of last July 1901. Our Methodist brethren have one man who has given their College \$75,000. Surely we can find a few thousand Baptists who, all put together, will give \$45,000 to our College. We have \$100,000 white Baptists in the State; if 5,000 of them will do their duty we will far more than raise the amount. God pity us if they can't be found. Let all the Pastors, all the people, pray, think and act.

Your Brother,  
W. T. LOWREY.

## A Bold Statement, and the Reply.

BY E. Y. MULLINS.

Recently the manager of a great industrial corporation made the bold statement that a training in a higher educational institution, such as college or technical school, was unnecessary for the highest business success. This statement was challenged from all quarters by men of all kinds, educated and uneducated. The statement is one frequently heard and many young men are led to wrong conclusions as a consequence.

Now no one will deny that very many successful men in the various walks of life have not had a thorough training in institutions of learning. The very necessity for struggle is the making of some men. But as a rule the men who thus rise to eminence without school advantages are men of unusual native force of character and ability. In other words, on the theory that a man can succeed without school training, the average man has little to hope for. There are two facts which need to be borne in mind by every young man who is disposed to dismiss the matter of a thorough education as an unimportant one, on the ground that some men succeed without it.

The first fact is that in nine cases out of ten the man who succeeds without school advantages deplores the fact of his lack, and will say he would have succeeded in a higher degree had he been blessed with a thorough educational basis for life's battle. The other fact is, that the great multitude who try hard and fail are lost sight of in the usual view of the case. It is only the occasional instance of success which attracts attention. Statistics have been gathered time and again, showing that in the higher walks of life in all callings, it is the trained man who achieves most.

The above remarks are general and apply

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## Rest.

When needed 'tis noble; not needed, ignoble. The writer has been resting. They say "he looks better." He has been doing some post-pastoral work at Port Gibson. A number of new subscriptions to the Baptist. He hopes this shall help our new pastor. He has also given Dr. Ellis a slight lift at Hermanville, failing in while Dr. W. P. Price was feeding the sheep on the Word. From what was seen and heard the thought came: "This preaching is so helpful to this people." Others of this people are going to take the paper.

Mississippi baptists must have THE BAPTIST. They want it!

J. E. PHILLIPS.

## Missionary Day—September 29th.

This day is chosen because it is Review Sunday, and will not interrupt the regular lesson. Closing the summer term and opening the season of work for the fall and winter, it offers fine opportunity for a campaign rally.

The Sunday School Board has published an excellent order of exercises, a program proper, a supplement containing songs, recitations, etc., and smite Boxes, all of which are furnished without cost upon request, stating how many are needed. The money gathered in the collection on that day should be sent to the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. We send it to the Home and Foreign Boards, but if it does not come to us we can of course take no account of it in our report to the Convention.

These exercises carry missions into the Sunday school in a way to do great good. They are powerful, not simply in the way of collecting money, but as educating in missions and laying the basis for missionary life and activities. We have some striking illustrations of this wonderful power. It is the seed time to be followed by glorious harvest. Our Children's Bible Day in June was very successful. Money is still coming in for the Bible Fund, and all through the year the schools will be sending contribution of the Word of God. We hold these two services—

Missions Day in September for missions, and Children's Bible Day in June specially for sending out the Word of God.

We have just closed the first quarter of the Convention year—the best quarter in the Board's history. The receipts far surpassed the receipts for the same period last year, and one fourth of the advance was in the Bible Day receipts. This is a very gratifying. How wonderfully God has blessed this work.

How gloriously the people are talking it into their hearts and putting it out into their lives! God has it in mind for the Baptists of the South to do great things for him in this department of their work.

J. M. FROST.

## The Delta.

The Delta is the garden spot of Mississippi. It is the richest land in the world and people are flocking there by the thousands. The natural resources and advantages are almost unlimited.

The Delta is 225 miles long and from 30 to

50 miles wide with 9926 square miles, 4432-640 acres; 1,108,1500 acres in cultivation and the rest in fine timber land. It has nine entire Counties and part of five others. The out put last year was one-half million bales of Cotton and calculated 20 million bushels of Corn. The population is 214,946. (between 75 and 100 thousand whites) which is an increase of 107,447, since 1880 59,352 since 1890. It is thought by many that last year the increase in population was greater than any previous year. The increase in production is 200 per cent.

The rich soil, the great water high-ways, the many Railroads, the abundance of fine timber and the certainty of good crops make this an attractive Country. The overflows are being remedied by levees, the bad roads by the good roads movement, the health by good water. The Delta can no longer be called by the superstitious "the swamp" or "graveyard."

Look at the Baptist destitution in this great Country.

Number of railroad stations (with telegraph offices) .....	147
Number of stations over 100 inhabitants .....	74
Number of stations over 200 inhabitants .....	31
Number of stations over 500 inhabitants .....	10
Number of stations over 3000 inhabitants .....	5
Population of these 147 towns .....	30,409
Population of five largest towns .....	31,990

The Baptists have 45 church organization (not building) in the entire delta with less than two thousand members out of the population of 21500. The churches gave last year to missions \$2738 00, more than 1.50 per member. 15 of these 45 churches are in the country leaving 117 of these 147 railroad towns without Baptist preaching besides many country towns and communities. There are 22 Baptist preachers preaching in the Delta, but not all reside there, 14 months ago there were 11. We need now 25 more.

In Tunica and Quitman counties there are two Baptist churches, Brother Cooper preaches  $\frac{1}{2}$  of his time in one and  $\frac{1}{2}$  time in the other, say  $\frac{1}{4}$  of one man's time for ten thousand people.

The Sunflower association is composed of five counties (Population 93,444), 13 churches, five preachers and 423 members. Tate County (in hills) has five more churches than this association.

The Dear Creek association is composed of five whole counties and part of three others (Population 120,712) and 32 churches and 1349 members.

Bethel what Baptist destitution. Let the Baptists put their prayers, their money and their labor in this rich field where it will tell so much for Christ's kingdom.

E. D. SOLOMON.

Clarksdale, Miss., Aug. 15, 1901.

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There are 66 Pastorates in the State, valued at \$72,400. Our churches are making commendable progress along this line.

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## Putting God to the Test.

Our religion will be tried by the most caustic crucible in the last judgment. We may well test its validity before that fiery day of reckoning comes upon us. One of the ways we have of testing true religion is by testing God himself, the author of such religion. God says to the Jews in Malachi 3:10, "Prove me now," that is put me to the test.

We do, very reluctantly, put God to the test, for such must be preceeded by great tribulation. We are natural idolaters, and will not therefore trust wholly in the Lord, till every grain of the same foundation upon which we have built is swept away.

These Jews who were urged in Malachi's time to prove the Lord by bringing in their tithes and offerings, would have preferred relying upon their ill-gotten gain than to commit their way entirely to Jehovah's care. But though forced to such testing, men in the various ages of the kingdom of heaven have thus proven the Lord.

Job was a good and wise man. But the devil reminds the Lord that Job served him from selfish motives, that his coffers were thereby filled with gold. But if his gain was swept away, that Job would curse Jehovah to his face. In this case as in many others, the devil has his way, and Job's sons and daughters were slain; his property was consumed, and he in his person was afflicted with boils from foot to crown. But the pious old saint put God to the test, and as a result he had other children born to him, and his property was restored an hundredfold, his health restored, so that his last days became his best days.

Abraham, the father of the faithful and the friend of God, was put to the most bitter test in being commanded to offer up Isaac, the child of promise. But he in turn puts God to the test by obeying the heavenly mandate, though he had three days in which to deliberate and duly consider. As a result he gained the matchless possession, "Jehovah Jireh," "the Lord will provide." He shall also possess the gates of his enemies, his posterity would become as the sands upon the seashore, and as innumerable as the stars of heaven.

There is an example of a man who had almost sinned away his day of grace. He was a thief, a robber and a murderer. He was condemned by the Roman law to crucifixion. The justice of his sentence he fully admits. But there was a chance even in his disgraceful death, for he was crucified at the same time with the Son of God. Looking upon the dying Lord—dying not merely as a man, with more resignation than a philosopher he prayed, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." Then the answer of infinite value came back from the lips of him who "spoke as never man spoke" even in death, "this day shalt thou be with me in paradise." He, a wretched sinner put God's mercy to a test, and made sure the great and comforting truth, that "while the lamp holds out to burn the vilest sinner may return."

But we need not suppose that God will be tested only by the great saints of the earth. Every true Christian, even in this life, will

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have to put God to the test by unconditional and implicit faith in Him. When the sands of time are slipping from beneath our feet, and all human help fails us, how glad the assurance, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble." We shall then put him to the test. In this ever changing world, when homes and loved ones and friends are constantly shifting, we can put God to the test by exclaiming, "Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations." In many ways God's saints must prove him—unwillingly on our part it may be, but yet in the deepest sincerity and always with the most blessed results. Some in one way and some in another, one pleading the special promise and others claiming his general promises, but all in the most sterling reality, putting God to the test. We may be on the mountain of his prosperity, led by the still waters and into the green pastures of his blessedness. But in this we can prove that "The Lord is good to all and his tender mercies over all his works." It may be amid the thunder and the earthquake and fiery lightnings of adversity. In this we can prove, that "whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth." We must all and each one prove God. As Spurgeon somewhere said that the summary of the experience of all the saints will constitute a book on proving God.

Let us put him to the test, first of all by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ that we may be saved. Then prove him by a life of cross-bearing and obedience. When it goes ill with us and the clouds of adversity and sorrow gather about our heads, let us put God to the test by committing our way into his hands. We then can verify the words, "Because thou hast been my help, therefore, under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice."

A. P. PUGH.

Union Springs, Ala.

## That New Plan.

## SUGGESTED BY THE COMMITTEE OF NINE.

Our Southern Baptist Convention being confronted with the sad though correct statement of the now sainted Kerfoot at its session at Hot Springs, Ark., regarding the large percentage of churches within our bounds that are doing little or nothing for Missions, especially for Home Missions, appointed a committee of nine able brethren whose duty it should be to think out a plan for reaching and developing our do-nothing churches. The committee made its report at the S. B. C. in New Orleans in May last, which recommended among other things the appointment of a committee for the purpose stated. The report of the Committee of Nine elicited fresh discussion, which developed at least two things: (1). That the Committee of Nine was not unanimously agreed as to the best thing to do. (2). That many brethren there present did not believe in the practicability of the plan suggested, the writer being among the number.

In his speech before the convention Secretary Jamison of Georgia stated a fact when he said that this matter rests with the pastors of

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would prove a mighty blunder and a stupendous failure.

Well, well, and what can we do to reach the Omissionary Churches as they are scattered over the vast territory of our great convention. The echo answers what can we do.

I may in a subsequent article suggest what I regard as the only feasible plan which may work with a small measure of success. I state here and now that any plan that may be inaugurated with the least hope of success must have no connexion with the Southern Baptist Convention, but must be confined exclusively to State lines, and most especially to our District Associations. Our District Associations to which these do-nothing churches belong are in touch with them as no other agencies are, or can be.

Now I have had my say concerning a subject that has enlisted the thoughts of the brainiest men among us. It's a big subject and open field for all, and the one talent man may have an opinion and dare to express it, and let that be my apology for writing this article.

O. D. BOWEN.

Ellisville, Miss., August 12, 1901.

## No Better Man for the Place.

Dear Baptist: Ever since the death of Dr. F. H. Kerfoot, the very efficient and faithful Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, I have been revolving in my thoughts quite a number of the very ablest and most distinguished brethren, both among the ministry and also among the laymen within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention in connection with the filling of the vacancy caused by the death of our distinguished friend and brother, any one of whom in my humble judgement would be a suitable man for the place and would fill the same with honor both to himself and to the Baptists of the South. I am proud that we have so many great and able men in our Southern Baptist Zion and may the Lord multiply the number many fold. But as only one of these able and great men of God can be the successor of brother Kerfoot, I know of no one of these better suited for the place, provided he can be had, than brother A. V. Rowe, who has been for a goodly number of years, the very efficient and wonderfully successful Corresponding Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Brother Rowe is a very able preacher, a fine and commanding speaker, a learned scholar, a fine business man, an excellent financier, a high toned, Christian gentleman, a sound Baptist, and has a genuine case of the old time religion. If he could be induced—I don't know that he could—but if he could be induced to accept the vacancy, I am well satisfied that those who have in hand the filling of the same would make no mistake if they could be so fortunate as to induce this splendid man, Dr. A. V. Rowe, to accept the place made vacant by the death of Dr. F. H. Kerfoot, and in the end would feel that they were guided by the Holy Spirit in so doing.

May the Lord direct all concerned in this matter—and we are all concerned—and in all things pertaining to our

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beloved Baptist Zion not only in the South, but also in all the world to the honor and glory of His holy name. The Lord help you, dear Baptist, and may you be still more useful in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom in the earth.

Faithfully,  
J. R. FARISH.  
Meridian, Miss., August 10th, 1901.

## Pastors and Laymen Please Read.

By an appointment of the State Board I am preaching once a month at Morehead. I do not mean to be extravagant in my statement, but please read this through and know for yourself that Morehead is one of the most important points in the state just now.

Three denominations, Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist, have preaching there. These three are just about equal in power and influence in the town. Neither of them has any church house; they all worship in a hall owned by private parties. Efforts have been made from time to time by each of these denominations to build a house of worship; but for reasons not necessary to mention here, they have been failures.

The Baptists are undertaking it in earnest now, and spending the first money ever spent in this direction in Morehead. A choice lot, large enough for a church house and parsonage, has been secured and a large per cent of the money to purchase the lumber with is at hand and the bill will be put in at once.

I offer the following reasons why this effort should meet the sympathy and support of the Baptists of the state.

1. It is a new town having no church house at all.
2. It is a railroad center, the crossing of the Yazoo Delta and the Southern railroad.
3. It has the best oil mill in the State, so said, which has not, but will begin operation this fall.

4. It has the Morehead Cotton Mills which the owners think will be ready for operation in sixty days. It will require three hundred people to operate these mills. These together with the forces to run the oil mill must move into Morehead this fall. Think of it, together with the other business they will carry there and not a single church house in which to meet! They would of necessity scatter like the sheep having no fold or shepherd.

5. It has already been arranged to put in an electric light plant this fall.

6. While the contract has not yet been let, bids are being received to put in an ice plant before next season; it is a moral certainty.

7. The Baptist people of Morehead, while they are as able as any other denomination there, are not able to build this house without help from the outside.

8. The spirit of rivalry between the three denominations renders it impossible to get much help from the town outside of our own fold.

If the Baptists should not build this fall one or the other of the other denominations will and the Baptists will be put at a disadvantage which they could not overcome soon.

ro. By building now they will gain an advantage which they cannot gain otherwise and which will be worth a great deal to them in the future.

Brethren and sisters, if you love the Baptist cause, if you delight in her victories, lend us a helping hand by sending a contribution to help build this house and we (you too) will save this most promising new town to the Baptists and to God. Our shortage is about \$350.00 which we must get from the public or borrow.

Any amount that any one may see fit to put in this house will be gladly received and promptly acknowledged.

You may send your contributions for this purpose to J. B. Polk, Shaw, Miss., who has charge of the Baptist work here. He saved last year by such help as is herein asked for a community for the Baptists, when it was just on the eve of being taken by the Methodists. It now has a house completed paid for and has grown to be self-supporting.

May the Lord put it into the hearts of the Baptists of this state to enable him to save this thriving town for the Baptists and for the Lord our King.

J. B. POLK.

Shaw, Mississippi.

## Ordination at Eupora.

Bro. Chas. B. Williams was publicly set apart to full work of the Ministry here August 4th. Examination by Bro. A. B. Hicks of Bellefontaine; prayer by the writer; charges by Bro. Hicks, and that blessed old Veteran of the Cross, Bro. J. P. Thompson; a short sermon by the writer, and benediction by Bro. Williams. This was a good day with us. Bro. Hicks remained and preached at night. We also had a very precious service last Sunday. The work here is undergoing a gradual, steady uplift. We are praying earnestly for a great meeting in September.

I want to say Amen to Bro. Solomon's article. I pledge you now for five subscribers during the year.

Bro. Wesson, as usual, says some very timely things—no more timely than true however.

There are great revivals being held throughout these parts among our country churches of which you will hear later.

God bless you.

CHAS. A. LOVELESS,  
Rupora, Miss., Aug. 13th.

Happiness builds her house out of materials furnished by true manhood and pure womanhood.—Frank V. Irish.

Genius is too often like an imperfect electric light, brilliant at times, but unsteady and frequently flickering.—Frank V. Irish.

There are so many divine needs which must be fostered and fed that no boy or young man can afford to vitiate his life and lower its spiritual tone by adding useless human wants, such as tobacco, beer, and other needless and questionable luxuries. If one is to live a helpful and inspiring life and realize his loftiest ideals, the worthless and the transitory must give place to the noble and the eternal.—Frank V. Irish.

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## Amounts Requested From Mississippi Baptists.

In entering upon any undertaking it is well to have a definite conception of its magnitude. It is not only important to have a comprehensive view of the work to be done, but also to know it in all its parts.

The task which Mississippi Baptists have set for accomplishment within the next twelve months, is no mean one. It is worthy of their steel. Nothing short of heroic planning and execution on the part of the leaders will bring us victory. Nay more; the best efforts of every one will be needed, invited and expected.

Stated in round numbers, the Baptists of Mississippi have undertaken to raise during this conventional year \$85,000 for benevolence. And there are in round numbers 100,000 white Baptists in the State. To accomplish our undertaking, therefore, will require an average of 85 cents from each Baptist man and woman. Of the above \$85,000, \$45,000 are for the augmentation of the present endowment of Mississippi College. When we shall have raised this \$45,000, Mr. Rockefeller will give the College \$15,000 more, making the sum of \$60,000 in all. We already have a little more than \$40,000 invested in interest bearing securities. So, when we shall have raised this \$60,000 our endowment will be \$100,000. This will be a very respectable nucleus around which we shall continue to build, if we prove ourselves worthy of our fathers.

The Convention recommended to the churches that they raise \$13,500 for State Missions. The report of the Convention Board presented to the last Convention, says that \$15,000 will be needed. "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few."

The Foreign Mission Board has asked Mississippi for \$1,000 for the present year. The convention endorsed the request and agreed to make the effort. This is only \$2,500 more than we raised for this purpose last year. Our watchword is forward, and surely we can raise this additional amount asked for.

Then our Home Board requests of us \$7,000, which is an advance. Mississippi Baptists remembering the help received from this Board ought gladly to do their best for Home Missions.

Added to these amounts are \$6,000 to be raised for the orphanage. Then comes Ministerial education sustentation and other incidental claims that will reach us. Thus, we see that if we do what we are expected to do, what ought to be done, we shall not stop short.

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of the amount named in the beginning of this article, \$85,000.

We beg that each Pastor, whether in the largest town or the remotest rural district will determine to leave no stone unturned in his effort to raise from his flock at least an average of eighty-five cents per member. Of course many in every congregation will give very much more than this. But cannot every one give as much. Let's go at this matter in dead earnest: We can do it.

## The Value of the Association.

As the associational season is now upon us, our attention ought to be so trained upon them as to make them tell upon our churches for eternal good.

That we waste much good time, in these associational gatherings, is patent to all; that they become humdrum meetings of "doubtful value," many a time, is equally certain.

Our first mistake is made, before we start to the "association," in the churches where we elect "delegates." No body wants to go much, and very few will go, even when elected, if they have any "fodder" to pull, any courts to go to, any cotton to pick, or any meetings to attend.

This is all very wrong, and very hurtful to the cause of Christ, as well as to individual usefulness, in His kingdom.

Every church ought to take these associational gatherings seriously, and make an effort to have a full delegation present, from first to last. The churches ought to provide for the expenses of those who go, if any have been incurred.

"Horace Dale," as it appears was often at this home; and Mrs. Wayne anxious to be of good service to him, inquired where he went to church, and received the following reply:

"I went to Poplar Place Church for two solid months, and not a soul spoke to me. I liked the preacher first rate, but a fellow feels lonesome to have no attention at all paid him. I've quit there now, and just go around sampling the different services. I don't know where I will settle down."

The good woman was greatly distressed, at what she regarded as criminal negligence on the part of the good people of the Poplar Place Church, and she resolved to speak to some of them about it.

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"And you do not find the members cold

found out anyhow; (4) let the committee on credentials pass through the congregation, and take up the letters, and make a partial report at once; (5) don't have the letters read at all, as every item of interest in them will appear in the minutes; (6) have at least a thirty minutes devotional meeting, before each day's session begins, in which several brethren should take part in brief prayer and testimony; (7) when the interest lags, have a good song and an earnest prayer, and then go it again.

Much will depend on the moderator; if he is business like and spiritual, most likely the meetings will be greatly helpful to the cause; and, then much will depend upon the spirit in which we co-operate with him.

We can have, and ought to have, the best associational gatherings this fall we have ever had, and let us have them.

## Horace Dale and Ralph Macon.

A contributor in Kind Words, tells a good story of two young men who went off to school, and how they formed their new church relations, that happen so often, in so many places, with so many people, who are not off at school, that it ought to live in our memories forever.

"Mrs. Wayne," who had a son in college, lived hard by the institution, and the students always found a warm, helpful friend in her, many of whom were frequently at her hospitable home.

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and reserved?" queried Mrs. Wayne, hardly able to reconcile such diverse reports from Poplar Place.

"Why, no indeed!" was Ralph's ready negative. "Well, you see," he added, smiling, "I didn't give them a chance to overlook me. I walked right up to the Bible class teacher and the superintendent and the pastor, and said, 'My name is Macon, and I expect to be in your town for two years, and I should like to attend your church. And they seemed glad to have me come. I think I shall go out to the mission Sunday afternoons. I taught a while in a little mission school at home."

Let the committee prepare a "strong" address to the churches, through the pastors, and then adjourn *sine die*.

The reason for this is plain. We have as much machinery now as we need. What we want is more horse, and not more machinery, for the horses we have. Let us rub up, oil up, fire up and start up the machinery we have now, and see if that will not result in what we are after.

The pastors hold the key to the situation; and anything that reaches them will reach their people. Really, we do not remember to have seen a pastor who did not think that he was co-operating, for all that he was worth already; and so likewise his church also. As far as he knew, he was co-operating; but he did not know enough, that was the trouble. What we all need is information lovingly given; not given because we know more than other people, but because we love to communicate what we have to others. As sure as we are well informed, so sure will we co-operate in all the work of the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ. In the meantime, we will have to have a great deal of patience and perseverance, for the work is great and cannot be done in a day.

There are many "Horace Dales" in the world, and they are worth looking after, whenever they do summons courage enough to risk it just within the church door, on the nearest seat thereto. Every church ought to have one or more faithful watch-dogs of the back seats, that will make sure of the whole "Horace Dale" tribe, on first appearance. But much better it is to be a "Ralph Macon," and walk right into church, as though you were at home, "in our Father's house," and not wait to be spoken to; but speak to the pastor, the deacons, the superintendent or somebody else, making yourself one with your brethren in Christ, taking right hold of the work, just as though you were made for the work, and the work for you.

If "Horace Dale" should come our way, and we can get to him, we will try to make him feel at home with us; but we wish we had a few hundred car loads of Ralph Macon's kind, we would drop off two or three of them at every church in Mississippi, being assured of a hearty greeting for every one of them in advance.

## Co-Operation.

The committee appointed, at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, in New Orleans, composed of Drs. Eaton, Gambrell, Barton, Hillyer and Hatcher, met on July 30th, in Nashville, and agreed to submit some "requests" to the brotherhood, which they proceeded to do, and which were published in all our papers last week.

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from the first—for the discussion of the question of co-operation; and they want every one who has an idea in his head, as to how to get at just what is wanted, to write to some one of the committee, setting that idea forth. Now we do not expect this committee to do anything great in the way of getting our people to co-operate more perfectly than they are doing, right away; but we have an *idea*, and so we comply, very graciously, with their request.

After one of the most fearful storms that ever raged along this coast, the G. S. I. R. Pier is safe and sound. The three miles of channel already dredged is unaffected. The dredge boat which had been washed from its place is back ready for work and in a few weeks ocean-going vessels will be at the R. R. wharfs.

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L. E. H.

Gulfport, August 15, 1901.

The Howard College advertisement appears in this issue. We would recommend to young men who contemplate going off to college that they read the "ad" and send for a catalogue. Howard is one of our oldest and strongest educational institutions; her faculty is made up of eminent educators; her diplomas are recognized in Europe as well as in America, and her graduates are among our strongest scholars. In the Alabama State Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest the Howard men have won the prizes three times out of four within the last four years. The Howard cadets won \$100 in the prize drill at the State Fair last fall. The instructor in athletics is a Harvard man, and one of the best instructors in his line in America.

## From Guadalajara, Mexico.

I have just reached home after an absence of six weeks. Had some good meetings during the trip. I am feasting on the accumulated pile of THE BAPTIST which I find awaiting me. After reading the account of your recent Convention and looking into the familiar faces of so many of the dear brethren, I was made to feel almost like I had been there myself. The pictures are excellent indeed. Some of them look like they want to speak to me. I wish to clip them all for my scrap book, but can't because I find them on both sides of the paper. Can't you do me the kindness to send me an extra copy of the paper for July 18th. My work is in fine condition. The outlook excellent. God bless you.

Fraternally,

J. G. CHASTAIN.

Do not fail to read every line of what Dr. Lowrey says. If President Lowrey were to visit one church every Sunday for the next thirty years, he would just about get around over the 1,500 churches now in Mississippi, and would then need to take a new start on a round among the hundreds that will be organized between now and then. How utterly absurd, then, to expect him to do all the work of raising the endowment with but ten months in which to do it. The pastors must do the most of it. Let them get at it.

Rev. M. K. Thornton of Starkville, has been with Pastor McComb at Crystal Springs, for 12 days, and has done some of the genuine old time gospel preaching. The meeting resulted in 10 accessions, 13 by baptism. The Lord is greatly blessing Pastor McComb's field.

Rev. W. A. McComb made us a few minute's call Tuesday, while on his way to assist Pastor Dow in a meeting at Utica. His services are in great demand, and the Lord honors his work.



## Among the Churches.

**PARIS.** — We began our meeting here the second Sunday in July. Bro. Stranburg was with us and preached the Word with earnestness; we regard him as being one of our ablest defenders of the "faith once delivered to the saints." We had four additions to the church one of which was my little wife who came from the M. E. Church. This is considered a hard field of labor, yet they have a very hopeful outlook provided the board will stand by them until they become self-sustaining.

L. M. STONE.  
Columbus, Miss., Aug. 12, '91.

**CYPRESS CREEK.** — We came here Monday evening, after the fourth Sunday, and continued through the week. The beloved pastor was taken sick Tuesday, and left the meeting in our hands, but the Lord manifested himself with us and we had several conversions three of whom were baptized.

Upon the resignation of the pastor who goes to Texas in January the writer was unanimously called and a committee appointed to ask three other churches to co-operate with them in locating him in their midst. This is a fine field of labor and a hopeful future before them. We certainly enjoyed their hospitality while with them. Their pastor is among the best men in our State and we hope his new field of labor will be as pleasant as the work he has had for five years.

My other meeting will begin the third Sunday in August.

Pray for me and my work.

R. A. COHON.

**HAMBURG.** — We have had a glorious meeting at Hamburg. Brother G. B. Butler did the preaching. Forty-one were added to the church. I baptized twenty-six of these at Wildwood Springs, the others were received by restoration and letter. Our church is growing stronger and more useful for which we thank God and take courage.

J. S. CROSSLIN  
121 S. 5th street, Waco, Tex.

**STRONG HOPE.** — I have just closed a good meeting with the Strong Hope Church, Copiah county. I did the preaching from Monday till Thursday and we received 22-18 for baptism, 3 by letter and one restored and the church thoroughly revived. Say, are you coming to the Copiah association? If so, let me know and I will meet you at train.

Yours truly,  
J. A. LEE.

**WACO, TEXAS.** — My third meeting of this season was held at Jarrelton where I assisted Pastor J. M. Rankin. The attendance was very great not less at any night service than 1000 people. Many nights there were 1500 people. God was with us and we buried 73

E GARDNER.  
Liberty, Miss., Aug. 17, 1901.

**PLANTERSVILLE.** — I closed a week's meeting Sunday evening, 12th. Brother W. N. Swain, pastor, a fine godly man, a good preacher and pastor whose hands ought to be untied so he could give his time entirely to the work. A good man for such a field, of one or more churches.

Our meeting was glorious. The Holy Spirit was present — Chris-

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## Deaths.

Mrs. M. M. Bowen.

Mrs. M. M. Bowen after a brief illness died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. W. V. Thompson at Quitman, Miss., Aug. 8, 1901, in the 8th year of her age. She was the wife of Rev. Philip P. Bowen who preceded her to glory thirty years ago. Rev. Mr. Bowen was a leading Baptist minister of South-west Alabama and South-east Mississippi. The influence of faithful life still lives in the lives of his children and the great number whom he led to Christ.

Mrs. Bowen was the mother of Rev. O. D. Bowen, of Ellisville, Miss., who by his varied labors as pastor, evangelist, missionary and author has done a great work in the South.

Mrs. Bowen was the mother of seven children, two having preceded her to the better land. She professed religion and united with a Baptist church in South Carolina, when she was a young lady, and was for sixty years a faithful Christian, and the aroma of her life still lingers with those who knew her.

A FRIEND.

J. P. Welch.

Dr. J. P. Welch was born 25th of October, 1807, died the 8th day of March, 1901, being 93 years, 4 months and 13 days of age. He laid down this life with gladness, to accept the eternal life with God.

WHEREAS, God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to take from our midst our beloved brother and Sunday-school co-worker, Edmund C. Madison, therefore be it resolved,

1ST. That while our hearts are sad we bow in humble submission to the will of an All-wise Providence who doeth all things well.

2ND. That we feel deeply sensible of the loss to our school and we will tenderly cherish his memory and emulate his virtues.

3RD. That we tender our sincere sympathy to his bereaved mother, brothers and sister in this hour of their great sorrow, and pray that they may recognize that the "Hand Divine" afflicts in love, and that they may look to Him for consolation who is too wise to err.

4TH. That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our school, a copy be sent the family of the deceased, and a copy to THE BAPTIST, Noxubee Herald and Brooksville Progress for publication.

MRS. MARY CASBY,  
MISS ROWENA HALL,  
JOHN M. CALMES,  
Committee.

Cornelia N. M. Lominick

Cornelia Nebraska Morris Lominick was born in Tippah County, Miss., February 4, 1870. Professed faith in Christ and joined the Mt. Olive Baptist church, Prentiss County, Miss., in her 13th year.

Was married to D. M. Lominick, March 4, 1888, the result of which was three children who survive their mother, who died July 25, 1901.

This brief statement is as an index to a valuable life.

As a child, "Braskie" honored her parents, J. F. and Sarah M. Morris. As a Christian she was gentle, liberal, faithful. As a wife, the "glory of her husband." As a mother, careful, pray-

ful and provident. She honored all the relationships of life. She threw no thorns in the pathway of any.

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"There is no death! We say 'Their sun goes down to rise upon a fairer shore; But nay, the sun shines ever; We turn our faces from the light and cry 'The darkness comes!' But there is no night; Our loved ones go beyond our longing sight;

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There a light at the river, and across on the other side is one more "at home in heaven."

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## Marriages.

THOMAS LEWIS.

By the writer near his home, on Aug. 13, 1901, Mr. Percy Thomas to Miss Daisy Lewis. May the Lord lead them and guide them in their future life.

G. W. Nutt officiating.



**ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS.**

West Judson—Poplar Springs, Tuesday before 1st Sunday in September, (Aug. 27th).

Tippah—Providence, Wednesday before 1st Sunday in September, (August 28th.)

Lebanon—Lumberton, Wednesday before 1st Sunday in September, (August 28th.)

Strong River—Florence, Friday before 1st Sunday in September, (August 30th.)

Deer Creek—Cleveland, on Y. & M. V. R., Wednesday before 2d Sunday in September, (Sept. 4th).

Oxford—Liberty Hill, Thursday before 2d Sunday in September, (Sept. 5th).

Columbus—Pleasant Hill, Friday before 2d Sunday in September, (Sept. 6th).

Copiah—Sylvarena, 3 miles west of Wesson, Saturday before 2d Sunday in September, (Aug. 31st.)

Pearl River—Holly Springs, 14 miles N. E. of Columbia, Saturday before 2d Sunday in September, (Sept. 7th).

South Mississippi—Amitie River, Saturday before 2d Sunday in September, (Sept. 7th.)

Chickasaw—Duncan Creek, 12 miles west of Pontotoc, Tuesday before 3d Sunday in September, (Sept. 10th).

Judson—Pleasant Hill, 5 miles east of Tupelo, Tuesday before 3d Sunday in September, (Sept. 10th.)

Carey—Zion Hill, 14 miles east of Closter, Thursday before 3d Sunday in September, (Sept. 12th.)

Zion—Bethany, (Slate Springs) Thursday before 3d Sunday in September, (Sept. 12th.)

Mt. Pisgah—Pine Bluff, Newton Co., Saturday before 3d Sunday in September, (Sept. 14th).

Tallahala—Sharon, 4 miles north of Sandersville, Saturday before 3d Sunday in September, (Sept. 14th.)

Tishomingo—Iuka, Tuesday before 4th Sunday in September, (Sept. 17th.)

Union—Beech Grove, 3 miles east of Martin, Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, (Sept. 20th.)

Bogue Chitto—Salem, 20 miles east of McComb, Saturday before 4th Sunday in September, (Sept. 21st.)

Chickasaw—Buckatonia, Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September, (Sept. 21st.)

Red Creek—Sand Hill, 7 miles S. E. of Lumberton, Saturday before 4th Sunday in September, (Sept. 21st.)

Hopewell—Pleasant Ridge, Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September, (Sept. 21st.)

Calhoun—Poplar Springs, Wednesday before 1st Sunday in October, (Oct. 2d.)

Yazoo—Bowling Green, 3 miles N. W. of Durant, Wednesday before 1st Sunday in October, (Oct. 2d.)

Sunflower—Belen, Friday before 1st Sunday in October, (Oct. 4th.)

Chester—Ackerman, Saturday before 1st Sunday in October, (Oct. 4th.)

Oktibbeha—West Kemper, Saturday before 1st Sunday in October, (Oct. 4th.)

Liberty—Rock Springs, Saturday before 1st Sunday in October, (Oct. 4th.)

Aberdeen—Amory, Tuesday before 2d Sunday in October, (Oct. 8th.)

Hobolochitto—Bethel, 15 miles west of Poplarville, Wednesday before 2d Sunday of October, (Oct. 9th.)

Yalobusha—Graysport, 14 miles east of Granada, Thursday before 2d Sunday in October, (Oct. 10th.)

Central—Concord, 3 miles of Auding, Friday before 2d Sunday in October, (Oct. 11th.)

Mississippi—Mars Hill, Friday before 2d Sunday in October, (Oct. 11th.)

Pearl Leaf—Rock Hill, 1 mile west of Mish, G. & S. I. Ry., Friday before 2d Sunday in October, (Oct. 11th.)

Bethlehem—Mt. Horeb, 8 miles S. E. of Meridian, Saturday before 2d Sunday in October, (Oct. 12th.)

Louisville—Bethel, 13 miles east of Louisville, Saturday before 2d Sunday in October, (Oct. 12th.)

Tombigbee—Bethany, Tuesday before 3d Sunday in October, (Oct. 15th.)

Coldwater—Mt. Zion, Wednesday before 3d Sunday in October, (Oct. 16th.)

Fair River—Union, Friday before 3d Sunday in October, (Oct. 16th.)

Kosciusko—Jerusalem, Friday before 3d Sunday in October, (Oct. 16th.)

Choctaw—Bunnsville, Saturday before 3d Sunday in October, (Oct. 16th.)

New Liberty—New Home, 10 miles south of Sylvarena, Saturday before 3d Sunday in October, (Oct. 16th.)

Trinity—Bethel, 6 miles south of Houston, Thursday before the 4th Sunday in October, (Oct. 26th.)

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